

I oppose media concentration!

This country was founded on the concept of the free exchange of idea,viewpoints and information. The FCC's Docket No. 02-277 would create a market place that is control by a few large companies more concerned with profits than viewpoints. The radio market has already be reduced to just a few national corp instead of Local ownership.

I believe the FCC should instead reverse it's present course and promote increased competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market. The airwaves belong to the public. We pride ourselves on being a melting pot of cultures and ideas. Each of which should have some on voice on the public airwaves.

Large media companies, be it TV, radio, or print make money by appealing to the lowest common denomiantor. Please help stop this race to the bottom of the barrel. The smaller the company the more local the control. The more local the control, the nore diversity.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

Please don't allow this country's information and entertainment flow to be controled by a few large corporations.

Thank you,

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